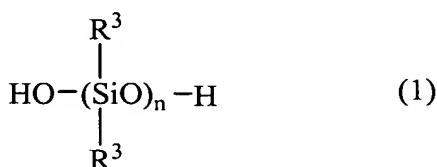


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A room temperature curable organopolysiloxane composition for molding purposes, comprising:

(a) 100 parts by weight of an organopolysiloxane represented by a general formula (I):

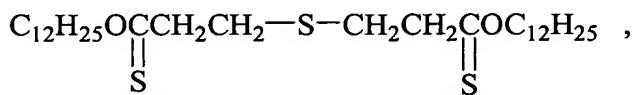


wherein, R³ groups are identical or different and represent either one of an unsubstituted and a substituted substituted monovalent hydrocarbon group, and n represents an integer integer of at least 2,

(b) 0.5 to 20 parts by weight of a compound selected from a group consisting of organosilanes comprising at least three hydrolyzable groups bonded to silicon atoms within a single molecule, and organosiloxanes comprising at least three hydrolyzable groups bonded to silicon atoms within a single molecule,

(c) 0.1 to 20 parts by weight of an at least one organic compound incorporating at least one sulfur atom in a single molecule, (~~but excluding sterically hindered thiobisphenols, substituted zinc dithiophosphates, sulfides represented by the formula: R-S_q-R'~~ wherein R and R' are each a monovalent hydrocarbon group with at least three carbon atoms having or not having an ester bond or R and R' together form a ring and q is an integer of 1 to 3, compounds containing a sulfide structure represented by the formula: R-S_q-R" wherein R and q are as defined above, and R" is a bivalent hydrocarbon group having at least three carbon atoms and having or not having an ester bond, or R and R" together form a ring, said R" being connected to a quaternary carbon atom, and silicone polysulfides represented by a structural

~~formula S_a-(R¹-Si(OR²)₃)₂ wherein R¹ represents a bivalent hydrocarbon group of 2 to 8 carbon atoms, each R² represents a monovalent hydrocarbon group of 1 to 40 carbon atoms, and a represents an integer from 2 to 7), and which organic compound is at least one selected from the group consisting of diphenyl sulfide, allylphenyl sulfide, diphenyl disulfide, benzothiazoyl disulfide, dimethyl xanthogen disulfide, diphenyl trisulfides, thiol compounds, monothiocarboxylate esters, thiophene carboxylate esters, 2-(4-morpholinylidithio)benzothiazol, a compound represented by the formula:~~



a compound represented by the formula:

(CH₃CH₂O)₂(CH₃)SiCH₂CH₂CH₂S₄CH₂CH₂CH₂Si(CH₃)(OCH₂CH₃)₂, and

a compound represented by the formula:

(CH₃CH₂O)₃SiCH₂CH₂CH₂SNH-tert-C₄H₉, and

(d) an effective quantity of a curing catalyst.

Claim 2 (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein in said general formula (1) representing said constituent (a), each R³ represents, independently, any one of an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a cycloalkyl group, an aryl group, an aralkyl group, and a halogen substituted alkyl group.

Claim 3 (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein in said general formula (1) representing said constituent (a), n represents an integer with an average value of 100 to 1000.

Claim 4 (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein said hydrolyzable groups of said constituent (b) are any one of alkoxy groups, acyloxy groups, alkenyloxy groups, iminoxy groups, amino groups, amide groups and aminoxy groups.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein said constituent (d) is any one of a metal salt of an organic acid, a titanate ester, a titanium chelate compound, and a mixture thereof.

Claim 7 (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein for 100 parts by weight of said constituent (a) there exist 1 to 10 parts by weight of said constituent (b), 0.5 to 10 parts by weight of said constituent (c), and 0.1 to 5 parts by weight of said constituent (d).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim 1, wherein said organic compound incorporating at least one sulfur atom of said constituent (c) is ~~benzothiazoyl disulfide, tetraethylthiuram disulfide, dimethyl xanthogen disulfide, dipentamethylenethiuram tetrasulfide~~, a thiol compound, a thioglycolate ester, a mercaptopropionate ester, a thiophene carboxylate ester, ~~a sulfur containing cyclic compound~~, or a combination of two or more compounds thereof.

Claim 9 (Original): The composition according to claim 8, wherein said organic compound incorporating at least one sulfur atom of said constituent (c) is a thiol compound, and the thiol compound is 2-mercaptoponaphthalene, octadecane thiol, 2,2'-(ethylenedithio)diethane thiol or a combination of two or more thereof.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim 8, wherein said organic compound incorporating at least one sulfur atom of said constituent (c) is a thioglycolate ~~ester~~ ester, and the thioglycolate ester is octyl thioglycolate, dibutyl tin bisoctyl thioglycolate, dioctyl tin bisisoctyl ~~thioglycolate~~ thioglycolate, trimethylolpropane tristhioglycolate, pentaerythritol tetrakis(thioglycolate), or a combination of two or more thereof.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim 8, wherein said organic compound incorporating at least one sulfur atom of said constituent (c) is a mercaptopropionate ester, and the mercaptopropionate ester is octyl-3-mercaptopropionate, dibutyl tin bisnonyl-3-mercaptopropionate, pentaerythritol tetrakis(dodecyl-3-mercaptopropionate), or a combination of two or more thereof.

Claim 12 (Original): The composition according to claim 8, wherein said organic compound incorporating at least one sulfur atom of said constituent (c) is a thiophene carboxylate ester, and the thiophene carboxylate ester is a thiophene-2-carboxylate ester, a thiophene-3-carboxylate ester, or a combination of two or more thereof.

Claim 13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (New): The composition according to claim 1, wherein said organic compound incorporating at least one sulfur atom of said constituent (c) is a monothiocarboxylate ester, and the monothiocarboxylate ester is a thioglycolate ester, a mercaptopropionate ester, or a combination of two or more thereof.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claim 1 has been amended by limiting component (c) to compounds or groups of compounds described in the specification at page 7, line 3ff; page 12, lines 1-6; and original Claims 8 and 13. In view of the limitation to particular materials, the compounds excluded are moot and have thus been deleted. Claim 1 has been further amended to recite that component (c) contains --at least one -- of said organic compound, as supported in the specification at page 7, lines 22-23. Two spelling errors have been corrected in Claim 1. Claims 5 and 13 have been canceled. Claim 8 has been amended to be consistent with the above-discussed amendment to Claim 1. Claim 10 has been amended by correcting the spelling error, and replacing a period with a comma, therein. Claim 11 has been amended by inserting a compound, as supported in the specification at page 11, line 21. Finally, new Claim 14 has been added, as supported in the specification at page 7, lines 13-14 and 22-23.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. Claims 1-4, 6-12 and 14 are now pending in the application.